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Applicants: Nobuko Watanabe  
Group Art Unit: 3751  
Examiner: MAUST, Timothy Lewis  
Title: LIQUID FILLING METHOD,  
LIQUID FILLING APPARATUS,  
AND DISCHARGE APPARATUS  
Attorney Docket: 9319G-000572

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed February 14, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II (claims 5-8), with traverse.

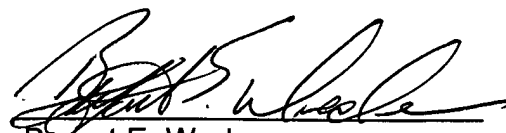
The Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement since all groups of claims are sufficiently related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all groups in a single application. MPEP § 803

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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